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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF, US, UN, CA, FR, GW, SF, WA  
SUBJ: NAMIBIA - WESTERN DEMARCHE

CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN  
TRANSMITTING THE MESSAGE GIVEN BELOW (OTTAWA FOR CANADIAN  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR FRANCIS, U.N. OPERATIONS DIVISION;  
CAPE TOWN FOR CANADIAN EMBASSY, USUN FOR CANADIAN MISSION,  
LONDON FOR CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION, AND DAR ES SALAAM FOR  
CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION). WE ARE SENDING MESSAGE TO OTHER  
ADDRESSEES FOR THEIR INFORMATION ONLY. CANADIAN MESSAGE IS  
AS FOLLOWS:

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QUOTE:

REF: OURTELS 0923 JUN9, 0922 JUN10, 0917 JUN8

OBLIQUE REACTION BY SWAPO AND TOTAL ABSENCE OF REACTION BY  
ZAMBIANS TO REFERENCE IN BRIEFING TO POLITICAL PRISONERS  
QUOTE WHO MIGHT BE HELD OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA

UNQUOTE COULD REFLECT ELIMINATION OF EMBARRASSMENT OF NAMIBIANS AS DETAINEES IN ZAMBIA. LSAKA 5/5 HAVE NOT/NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY INFORMED BY ZAMBIAN GOVT OF THIS CHANGE OF STATUS AND HAVE LEARNED OF IT ONLY/ONLY INDIRECTLY THROUGH UNHCR REP. NEVERTHELESS THE TIMING OF THE CHANGE SUGGESTS DELIBERATE PLANNING IN POLITICAL CONTEXT BY ZAMBIA RATHER THAN MOTIVATION REPORTEDLY MENTIONED EARLIER BY MILNER (QUOTE BURDEN ON ZAMBIA TOO HEAVY UNQUOTE). THIS DEVELOPMENT COULD OF COURSE ALSO BE OF ASSISTANCE PRESENTATIONALLY AND IN SUBSTANCE FOR 5/5 DISCUSSION IN CAPETOWN. IF ACTION BY TANZANIA (IN CONSULTATION WITH SWAPO) FOLLOWS OR HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, THIS EVIDENCE WOULD BE MORE CONCLUSIVE. MOORE. END QUOTE.

EMBASSY LUSAKA COMMENT ON ABOVE MESSAGE:  
AS NOTED IN OUR COMMENT IN LUSAKA 1619, WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THE MATTER OF SWAPO DETAINEES IN ZAMBIA HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED BY 200 OF THEM BEING DECLARED REFUGEES WHILE 600 DETAINEES ARE STILL BEING HELD FOR "REHABILITATION."  
"PRESENTATIONALLY" THE NAMIBIAN PRISONER SITUATION IS BETTER IN THE SENSE THAT SOME 200 WERE LET OUT OF DETENTION AND THE OTHER 600 HAVE THE PROSPECT OF BETTER TREATMENT THROUGH THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNHCR IF THEY ARE ALSO DECLARED REFUGEES AT SOME POINT. IN "SUBSTANCE" SWAPO OPERATION IN ZAMBIA, AND THE GRZ ITSELF, ARE STILL OPEN TO ACCUSATIONS OF HOLDING NAMIBIANS AS POLITICAL PRISONERS AS LONG AS 600 OF THEM ARE CONFINED UNDER GUARD IN A CAMP FOR "REHABILITATION" PURPOSES.  
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